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CONTAINING,

A true Account of the Prices of the Pope's Pardons and Dispensations; being a Treatise very Useful and Necessary for all Young English Papists, who intend to take Holy Orders, or Travel through Italy; and all such as intend to be cheated both out of their Souls and Money.

To which is added,

The History of ADULTERY, as it is now at Rome by Law Established; with the Life of Clement the Sixth, and Blasphemous BULL which he Published for the Year of Jubilee, 1350.

Isa. 5. 22. Wo unto them which justify the wicked for Reward.

Rev. 16. 10. And the fifth Angel poured out his Vial upon the Seat of the Beast, and his Kingdom was full of Darknes.

Mantuan Calamit, Lib. 3. ——— Venalia nobis

Templa Sacerdotes, altaria, sacra, Coronæ,
Ignis, Thura, preces, Calum est Venale Deusq;

Petrarch. Multo æqanimius ferunt millium animarum
jacturam, quam decem solidorum.

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Math. Par. in Hen. 3.

Eodem tempore permittente, vel
procurante Papa Gregorio adeo
invaluit Romana Ecclesia, insatiabilis
Cupiditas confundens fas nefasq; quod
deposito rubore, velut Meretrix vul-
garis & effrons omnibus venalis &
exposita, usuram pro parvo, symoni-
am pro nullo inconuenienti reputavit.



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Prov. 9. 16. *Who so is Simple, let him turn in
hither.*

POPE *Julius* the Second, was a *Genoway* Born;
and though at first a Wherry, or Water-man,
(as *Erasmus*, Writing on the Proverb, *A remo
ad Tribunal*, Reporteth) yet by the help of his
Oar, did he pull up to the *Popedom*, and be-
came *Admiral* of the *Red See* of *Rome*, and those many
Waters mentioned *Rev.* 17. 15. whereon *The Scarlet Whore*
of *Babylon* sitteth. *John Functius* in his *Commentaries*
Writeth thus of him:

‘*Pope Julius* being born of a base Stock, rising by De-
grees, through good Fortune, and crafty Wit, attained
to the highest; he being a Fellow of a subtil and com-
passing Head, and most given by Nature to play the
‘War-

Warriour, did like *Nimrod*, enlarge his Portion by the
 Dint of the Sword: So that by his procurement within
 the space of 7 Years, were slain and destroyed to the
 Number of 200000 Christians. To this purpose Wrote
 one *Hulricus Huttenus* an Epigram in Latin; Englished
 thus, by a Gentleman several Years ago:

Why forth *Julius* in Steel,
 And in his Coat of Plate?
 With grisly Beard, and ugly Looks,
 Upon his Bushy Pate.
 Whose frowned Forehead hideth deep,
 His loathsom-streaming Eyes;
 From whence (with Hell-hounds threatening looks)
 The Sparks of Wild-fire flies.
 He's Terror unto Western men,
 By Sea and eke by Land;
 With bitter Bows, and bloody Bills,
 And shaking Sword in hand;
 That unto all the Kings on Earth
 Hath wrought such Warlike harms;
 And is a Scourge to th' World, which he
 Hath raised up in Arms.
 The Author of such manglings made, &c.

To the same purpose Wrote one *Dulcherius*; thus:

Whilst *Julius* (to Mischief fram'd)
 Did Bloody War prepare,
 He marched forth in armed Hand,
 His Weapon thus he bare.
 A Sword hung by his Side, which our
 Courageously he drew,
 And Peter's Keys into the deep
 Of Tyber Flood he threw;
 With Blustering thus; Since Peter's Keys
 In War cannot prevail,
 Then with the Sword of Paul we will
 Our Enemies assaile.

This *Julius* was a Man (or rather a Beast) not only given excessively to the Desire of Women, but to that unnatural Lust, which (tho in his Holyness was no Sin, or at most, *venial*) in a Lay-man might be reputed *deadly*. For (as the Masters of *Paris* in a Commentary report) he did usually commit the abominable Sin of *Sodomy*, with Two Young Noble Men, whom *Ann* Queen of *France* had sent to one Cardinal *Robert Nevetensis* to be educat... The same is reported of him by several other Authors, whereupon *Conradus Gabriel*, wrote these Two Verses.

*Venit in Italiam spectabilis indole rara,
Germanus, redit de puero Mulier.*

It were intollerable to write down all the Abominations and Filthy ways, how this Monster of Men defiled his Body: And the inferiour Clergy (in Imitation of their infallible Father-like wandring Stars of Apostacy) borrowed the *Aegyptian* Darknes of his wicked Deeds; conforming themselves to his Godless Life and Conversation, in all manner of Filthiness, impudently working such Villanies, as ought not to be named among Christians, starting gross and irreverent Questions, concerning the Incarnation of *Christ*, and the Conception of the *B. Virgin*. Of this Tribe was one *Prothomeus Lucensis* a Monk, who at *Mantua* preached such Doctrine, that the Mid-Wives in Church could hardly be detained from pulling him to pieces.

Now this Pope (at great Expence) keeping a Court to *Venus*, and a Camp to *Mars*, with an Army, the number whereof was as the Sand of the Sea, his Revenues (tho incredible great) were not sufficient to bear out his Pomp, and make good his Quarrels, against the greatest part of the Christian World, without improving the Market of his Ecclesiastick Trade: Therefore reduced to good (or rather damnable) order, the Rates of his Carnal, yet Spiritual Pardons, exposing to publick view, the true Price of every particular Dispensation, for the Profit (as he pretended) or rather ruin of the World, whom he had blinded, deceived, brought to Subjection, and led Captive, in

Delusion and Ignorance, with great Wonder and Admiration.

A true and real Account of the Pope's Pardons and Dispensations, with their Prices, as they are sold in his Holynesse's Spiritual Court.

Dispensations for Drunkards.

IF a Drunkard will have a Congregation in his own House, he must pay for his License 30 *Turons*, or Pounds of *Towrs*, 7 *Ducats* and 6 *Carlines*.

For a License to erect a new Publick Synagogue, he must pay 60 *Turons*, 15 *Ducats*.

For a License to heal with assistance, 6 *Turons*.

Dispensations for such as have been, or are to be promoted, being under Age.

If a Boy of Six years Old, will take that step to Priesthood called *Prima Tonsura*, the first *Clip*, he must pay 9 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*, 9 *Carlines*.

If one at Sixteen years, or as soon as he comes to be Sixteen, will be Sub-Deacon, his Fee is 12 *Turons*, 3 *Ducats*, 8 *Carlines*. At Seventeen, 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

To be Deacon at Eighteen years, 12 *Turons*. At Nineteen, 6 *Turons*.

To be a Priest at Twenty Two years of Age, 12 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*, 10 *Carlines*. At Twenty Four, 6 *Turons*.

For Lienses to take Orders.

He that taketh the first *Clip*, and the four lesser Orders, (not of his Ordinary) payeth 4 *Turons*, 1 *Ducate*, 9 *Carlines*.

To take all Holy Orders, or but two, or only one; the Fee is 12 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*, 10 *Carlines*.

To take Orders without the time, either one, or more, or all; 10 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

If any come to receive *Benediction*, for the use of an Abbot, he payeth 24 *Turons*, 6 *Ducats*. For the Use of a Bishop 24 *Turons*.

Dispensations for such as are dismembered, or want some of their Limbs, to take Orders.

If any wanting some Member be admitted to Clerkship, in any of the lesser Orders, he pays 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

If any such be admitted to Orders, or to execute Function, he pays 16 *Turons*, 4 *Ducats*.

If any that lacketh Fingers be admitted to a single Benefice, his Fee is 12 *Turons*, 3 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

He that is blind of the Right Eye, payeth 16 *Turons*, 12 *Ducats*.

He that is blind of the Left Eye, so as he may hold the Book in the middle of the Altar, and the blemish be not great 30 *Turons*, 17 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

He that hath but one Stone, or none, and will be a Priest payeth 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

He that hath gelded himself 12 *Turons*, 3 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

Dispensations for Wilful Murder.

He that is a Wilful Murderer may have a Dispensation, to enjoy one Benefice; but if that suffice him not, then for the Second; if that serve not, then for the Third, and together with the Absolution, he pays 12 *Turons*, 3 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

And that he may enjoy the Priviledges of the Clergy, 18 *Turons*, 4 *Ducats*, 9 *Carlines*.

And

And if he require three Benefices, 18 *Turons*, 4 *Ducats*, 9 *Carlines*.

A Bishop or Abbot, or the head of any Order, or one of *St. John's Knights*, pays to be absolved from wilful Murther 50 *Turons*, 12 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

That a Wilful Murtherer may be secretly admitted into Holy Orders, and to minister at the Altar by Dispensation, or to any Ecclesiastical Living, in the Court of Conscience, he payeth 36 *Turons*, 9 *Ducats*.

If one Man be guilty of many Murthers, at one fray and one time, he payeth 36 *Turons*, 9 *Ducats*: But for two Murthers in diverse frays, 50 *Turons*, 12 *Ducats*, 6 *Carlines*.

He that killeth his Father, Mother, Brother or Sister, payeth for his Pardon, for any one of them 4 *Turons*, 1 *Ducate*, 8 *Carlines*. And so he that killeth his Wife; and for a Licence to marry another, 8 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*, 9 *Carlines*. And to all that assist a Man to Murder his Wife the Pardon is dearer by 2 *Turons*.

For Murdering of Priests.

If a Lay-Man kill a Priest, he payeth 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

For killing a single Clerk, or a Priest in Holy Orders, that is prohibited to execute his Office 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

For killing many Priests at one time, and in one fray 6 *Turons*, if divers at several times, for the first, the whole, Fine, and for every one of the rest half.

For a Priest-killer, that he may obtain Ecclesiastical Livings, the Dispensation is 2 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

For killing a Lay-Man.

For one Lay-Man only, 3 *Turons*, 1 *Ducate*, 4 *Carlines*; And if one kill diverse in one Conflict, he Fines but for One.

For Murdering of Children.

If a Father, Mother, or Kinsman murder a Child, he payeth 4 *Turons*, 1 *Ducat*, 8 *Carlines*. If a stranger 3 *Turons*, 1 *Ducate*, 4 *Carlines*.

If the Father and Mother with mutual consent, murder their Child; they pay 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducates*.

If a Woman take a potion to kill the Fruit of her Womb; or if the Father give it to the Mother; the price of their Indulgence is 4 *Turons*, 1 *Ducate*, 8 *Carlines*. If a stranger give it her, he payeth 4 *Turons*, 1 *Ducat*, 5 *Carlines*.

For Charming and Witchcraft.

A Witch or Enchantress, after she hath renounced her Sorceries, must pay 6 *Turons*, 2 *Ducats*.

For Hereticks.

For absolution from Heresie, before a Man hath renounced It by Oath, so as he may be received again to enjoy all privileges as before, in ample manner; the price is 36 *Turons*, 9 *Ducats*.

For Sacrilege, Theft, Fireing Houses, Rapes, Perjury, and such-like Sins.

Absolution, with restoring in ample manner, the person Guilty in every one of these cases; is 36 *Turons*, 9 *Ducats*.

For Frailty of the Flesh.

Absolution for Fleshly Frailty in any Venerous Act, committed by one of the Clergy; if with a *Nam*, within and without the Abby Walls, or with Women of their Kindred, or Affinity, or their Ghostly Daughters, &c. With Dispensation for retaining his orders, is 36 *Turons*, 3 *Ducats*. But if with them he sue also for absolution of Sins against Nature and Bestiality.

Bestiality, the price is 90 *Turons*. 12 *Ducats*. 6 *Carlins*. But if he sue for Absolution only of Sin against Nature, &c. the price is 36 *Turons*. 9 *Ducats*.

The price of a Pardon for a *Man* that hath lyen with divers men; within or without the Abbey Walls, and a Restitution to her former state in the Nunrey, or to be *Lady-Abbes*; is 36 *Turons*. 9 *Ducats*.

Absolution for him that hath kept a Concubine, with Dispensation for Orders and a spiritual living; is 21 *Turons*. 5 *Ducats*. 6 *Carlins*.

For a Lay-man offending in any Carnal Lust in the Court of Conscience; the Dispensation is 6 *Turons*. 2 *Ducats*.

For Incest 4 *Turons*.

For Adultery and Incest both 6 *Turons*.

Of Diverse Transgressions.

For Burying an Excommunicated person in Church soyle, the Dispensation is 6 *Turons*. 2 *Ducats*.

For him that hath concealed the Carcass of a dead Priest, thereby to obtain his Benefice 6 *Turons*. 2 *Ducats*.

For a Priest that saith Mass ignorantly, in an interdicted place, 6 *Turons*. 2 *Ducats*.

For a Priest that blesteth Man and Wife, at the second Marriage, which were blessed in the first; 6 *Turons* 2 *Ducats*.

The Absolution of a Merchant that transporteth Artillery to Infidels, and returneth without gain; is 12 *Turons*. 3 *Ducats*. 6 *Carlins*.

If he return with gain, the fee is all one, but he must agree with the Pope's Datary.

These are the abounding delicacies of the *Roman Harlot*, wherewith the *Spiritual Merchants of the Earth* are waxed rich; this is the bewitching Wine of her Fornications; whereof all Nations have drank and are mad; and whereby the Kings and Great Ones of the Earth are entized to commit spiritual Uncleanness and Abominations. *Who so is simple let him turn in his box; and such as are destitute of understanding; Stollen Wares are Sweet, and Bread eaten in Secret is pleasant;*

but

but know [Reader] that the dead are there, and her Guests
are in the depths of Hell.

In consideration of these Paltry stuff, and the Pope's
Leger-de-main dealings *Huldericus Huttenus* made a Latin
Epigram on *Julius the Second's* Pardons, which one in
Queen Elizabeth's time translated thus.

By craft Pope JULY all the World,
Thou Merchant dost intwine;
Thou sellest Heaven; and yet no part
Thereof by right is thine.
Sell me the thing thou hast: great shame
Will else thereof proceed.
When thou dost sell the thing which thou
Thy self dost want and need.
O Salvage soil! Why bidst thou not
An Hundred Giants sell;
To JULIUS? To beat our JOVE;
That he the Heavens may sell.
For till another God get Heaven,
And Thunder from the Skies;
Friend JULY I'll not buy of thee,
Such weighty Merchandize.

I do not write this spitefully, for the disgrace and shame
of the Papists of this Age; For the ten Horns of the Beast,
have made the Whore so desolate and naked; that now she
begineth to be ashamed of what she hath before openly pro-
fessed, and would gladly cover her Nakedness, by disowning
that whereing formerly she gloried. My design is to speak
the truth freely, without dissimulation; that none may
justify themselves: But that all Flesh from his pretended Ho-
liness the great Pope, to his reputed Wickedness; the poor Beg-
ger may be sensible of their own unworthiness; that every
Mouth may be stopped, and all the World may become Guilty be-
fore God; and that these who have escaped the Poyson, Snarcs
and Contradictions of Popery, may not be intangled again
with the Pollutions of the Romish Harlot; nor with the Dog
turn again to their own Vomit, lest (being given over to

their own obstinacy and delusion) their latter end be worse than their first.

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Now if it be Honourable among *all MEN*; What Creatures are the *Romish Clergy*? to whom it is an unlawful, dishonorable, and an unclean thing.

But in short he that calleth it an unclean thing in any respect, exalteth his own folly above the wisdom of God, and may as well prove the lawfulness of *Adultery* and *Murder*, from the *Sixth* and *Seventh Commandments*, as bring any thing like an Argument, from *Scripture*, *Reason* or *Convenience* for the Doctrine of the *Clergy's single Life*. He that denyeth the Doctrine of the *Father* and the *Son*, denyeth both the *Father* and the *Son*, and he is *ANTICHRIST* (saith *John*) that denyeth the *Father* and the *Son*. God appointed marriage as a Remedy for our corrupt Nature, and an Antidote against Uncleaness. But the *Roman Baud* (to enhance her spiritual Trade of Fornications) telleth us that the Remedy is worse than the Disease, and giveth the God of truth the Lie: For many *Romish Clergy-men* have been deposed being under suspicion of marriage, but restored again to their Benefices when they have prov'd their escape only the venial Sin of Fornication. Yet was there never any error or Doctrine of Devils (as the *Apostle* who by the Spirit of God foretold of it *1 Tim. 4. 1, 2, 3.* termeth it) established by the *Pope of Rome*, with greater opposition, crossing, thwarting, contest and contradiction than this Act of Uncleaness, or the *Clergy's single Life*; one Council making

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ying, *It is better to Marry than to give occasion to Murder*; or as *Huldericus* writeth, They accompanied not only with Maids, Married Women, and their own Kindred; but with Mankind, and the very Bruit Beasts in the Fields.

This *Gregory* dyed Anno 604. and the Decree of Adultery was Buried with him, till *Nicolas* the First, about the year 866 rais'd it out off it's Grave and set it on Foot to chase the World to Destruction. He no sooner came to the Popedom, than he deposed *John* Arch-bishop of *Ravenna*, for maintaining the Ancient Liberties of his Bishoprick, and brought that Church in perpetual bondage, to the Romish Tyranny. Amongst many Acts of Pride, Error, Ignorance and Superstition, he excluded all secular Princes from his Council, commanded the Laity not to judge the Clargy, tho' of never so Debauch'd a Life, nor dispute the Pope's Power and Authority; and ordain'd that no Christian Magistrate should have power over a Prelate, or bring any Clargy-man to Judgment, because (said he) *The Pope is called GOD*: He likewise ordain'd that Divine Service should be said in *Latine*, but granted (by dispensation) to the *Sclavonians* and *Polonians*, to have it in their own Tongue; he allowed the Sacraments to be received of wicked Ministers, and bound the Clargy to a single life. This last decree of Adultery was much opposed by the Clargy; and especially the foresaid *Huldericus* Bishop of *Augusta*, who in the fore mentioned Letter gave him an Account of the six thousand Heads: Another told him a *Dilemma*, which I propose now to the Romish Clargy: *The Marriage of the Clargy whether is it of God or of Man?* Now if he had said *of God*; then it might have been answered, *Why then do you abrogate God's Ordinance*. If he had said *of Men*; Then he had been in danger to be knock'd in the Head, both by the Rabble and Clargy; for all men looked upon Marriage as Honourable, save the Pope and some of his Creatures. But whilst these things were in agitation, His Holiness no sooner had brought forth this Brat of Filchiness, than he died Anno 867. from which time till Pope *Leo* the Ninth (who came to the Popedom Anno 1049.) this Decree of Adultery lay betwixt hot and cold. This *Leo* was the old Serpent, that by the Advice of Cardinal

Hildebrand, whom some term *Hell-Brand*, hatch'd the Cocatrice to Perfection, or rather Defection. For calling a Council at *Maguntia*, he utterly condemned the Marriage of the Clergy. But immediately after this Council, *Brazatus* the Famous Poisoner (who is reported to have poisoned Seven Popes, in 13 Years space, by the Advice of *Hildebrand* and *Theophilactes*) by a deadly doze sent him to another World in the Fifth Year of his Popedom.

No sooner began this *CANON* of Uncleaness to wear old and Men groan under the burden of a single Life, than *Stephen* the Ninth called another Council at *Florence*, Anno 1058 where he condemned the lawful Marriage of the Clergy; but immediately after, *Brazatus* (by the advice of *Hildebrand* the Cardinal) sent him to another World, as he had several of his Brethren before.

Now the Church of *Rome*, or rather the Bawd of Abominations, finding that her Clergy and scarlet coloured Beast kick'd at her Commands, resolved to daunt and spurn him to a more sober Course, and with the Rods of cursing and Execration (like a loving old Mother) to whip or rather lash him, to a filial Subjection. Therefore Pope *Nicholas* the Second, who came to the Popedom Anno 1058. clothed himself with Imprecations, and took the Thunderbolt of Damnation in his Mouth, and with the *Hobgoblins* of Excommunication, frightened the hoodwink'd World out of their Wits. For (as *Barnes Distinct* 23 testifieth) this cruel Curse by way of Proclamation) was after the making of several impious Decrees, published at his Command.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. If any man break this our sacred Decretal Sentence, and presumptuously attempt to hurt or disquiet (against this Statute) the Church of *ROME*. Let him be accursed for ever; and damned by Excommunication. Let him be reputed among the wicked, that shall not rise again to Judgment: Let him feel the Wrath of the Almighty against him: Let him feel the Rage of *PETER* and *PAUL* upon him in the Life to come, that spurneth against their Church in this Life: Let his dwelling be in the Wilderness, and let his House be left Desolate for none to dwell in; let his Children

dren be Orphans, and his Wife a Widow : In his Troubles let him be troubled ; let his Children beg their bread, and be cast out, and be Vagabonds, driven out of their own Houses ; Let the Userer Raffle all his Goods, and let Strangers spoil the Labour of his Hands ; let the whole World fight against him, and let all the Elements be contrary unto him ; let the Merits of all Saints confound him ; let him spend this Life Prisoner fettered in Chains ; and let the Saints pour their open Vengeance upon him. But our Grace defend them that keep this.

This with several Cups of Cursing and Abominations, were no sooner presented to the bewitched World, than all Christians were struck with Wonder and Astonishment, and followed the Beast in all his proceedings ; leaving of their Faith and Obedience, both to God and their lawful Princes,

But before Pope *Nicolas* had brought all his projects to a period ; the famous *Brazutus* (at the request of *Hildebrand*) Poysoned him Anno 1061.

Now altho *Hilderand* had a sufficient gap to pass to the Popedom, he was affraid of the Dignity, seeing several Clouds of Inconvenience hanging over his Head, but screwed one *Alexander* into *Peter's* Chair, a Cipher and Simple man, under whom he acted all things, in as full power as if he had been *Pope* himself. But *Pope Alexander* perceiving that he was but a Sconce to *Hildebrand*, who used him as a Smith doth his Tonges, and that he was put in to spite the *Emperour*, who had Elected one *Otho* an *Antipope* (whom *Hildebrand* had opposed) he publickly acknowledged in a Sermon, that he would no longer be *Pope* over the *Emperour's* Pelly, but would both by Letters and a legat Solicit for his Favour and Assistance. Now *Hildebrand* hearing this fell a mumbling Cursing and Damning His Holiness ; so that he could scarce forbear boxing of him till Mass was done. No sooner was Divine Service over, but *Hildebrand* with several Companies of his Souldiers conveyed the *Pope* home to his Chamber, where he railed scolded and beat the poor Man at such a rate that he was ashamed to shew his Face for

Week space. After this *Hildebrand* allowed *Alexander* only five Shillings a day to spend; and finding at last all stum-
bling Blocks removed, he set forwards for the Popedom; and first by false Accusations Imprisoned *Alexander*, who within a few days ended his Life (without witness) by the help of *Hildebrand*, who by his own Army of Souldiers was *in Cr Armis* Elected Pope, before *Alexander* was put in his Grave. When the Abbot of *Cassia* inquired how he came to be Pope, his Answer was, *I am in, Who can put me out again?* The Abbot after a timorous manner, began to mumble something concerning the Emperor, to whom Pope *Hildebrand*, or rather *Gregory* the Seventh, answered, *Flocci ego Roman Germaniamq; Pendo.*

Now this Pope *Gregory* (being a man of unsatiable Covetousness) considering with himself, that he could not pinch the Clergy to fill his own Pockets so well, whilst they had Wives and Children, as when they had none to provide for but themselves; he Prosecuted the married Priests, with all manner of Curses and Excommunications, forcing all Clergy-men, without exception, to live single, or lose their Benefices. Whilst he himself liv'd in Uncleanness with *Marbilla*, Lady to the Marquess of *Estu*, whom he termed his Daughter. Whence arose the Proverb, *St. Peter's Heir, commits Incest with St. Peter's Daughter.*

Now the Description of this Pope, or Blasphemous Necromancer, is beyond the reach of my Pen; only take this of *Beno* the Cardinal; *How he lived; how he drove the Cardinals from him; how he tormented them miserably; how he Boyssoned the World with Heresies; how he committed Perjury; how great and many Conspiracies he raised; it is hard for many to utter. But most of all, the Blood of many Christians (which by him, and his means, hath been miserably shed) doth cry out for Vengeance on him.*

But Pardon me, to hold out this *Gregory* in some Pranks which he committed; the Parallels whereof, can hardly be found in Writing.

This Pope was the greatest Sorcerer and Necromancer of his Age; and (as *Beno* the Cardinal writeth) could when he listed, cast off his Sleeves, and skip and dance in

the form of Flames and Sparkles of Fire, in the sight of men; by these Miracles deluding the simple to confide in his Holiness: And going out to Battle against the Emperor (as the King of Israel sent to the God of Eckron) went to his Domestick God, that dwelt in a Brazen Head, in his Closet; and Inquired what should be his Success in the War: But the Spirit giving him an Ambiguous Answer, whereof he could make but little Sense, and wherein he could put no Confidence; he took the Sacrament of the Lords Supper (his Imaginary Transubstantiate Deity, which he thought was a God of his own making, and therefore bound to serve him) and set it on a Table, conjuring it for a response as he had Baalzebub a little before. But the Bread making no Answer, *his furious Holiness* pulled it up in Passion, and (in presence and spite of his Cardinals) threw it in the the Fire, with these Words: *There is a God indeed, could the Idol Gods of the Heathens give them Answer, in there Success, and canst thou give me none, &c.* The Romish Clergy grumbled much at the Affront, and that he should have burned the God which they made, and ordained to be Eaten; therefore John, Bishop of Portua, (as Beno reporteth) who was of Hildebrand's Privy Counsel, for an Apology before the People and Clergy, in St. Peter's Church, in a Sermon, spoke thus; *What minded Hildebrand and we to do this thing? for which we should be burned alive, &c.*

This Hildebrand was the Sworn Enemy of the Emperor Henry (who at first was not submissive enough, but strove to stop the current of His Holiness's Pride, and reputed himself almost equal with the Pope) therefore Invented and Contrived many Unlawful means, as Poysoning, Conspiracy, Murdering, &c. to put him to an End. And to this purpose Writeth Beno the Cardinal, thus; *The Emperor used to go to Prayers, to St. Marys Church, in Aventine Hill: Hildebrand therefore, by his false Spies, caused the place to be well noted, where the Emperor used to Kneel, or Sit in the Church, all Service time, and bired one to lay great Stones secretly in the roof of the Church, right over the same place; in such manner as he could cunningly throw them down upon*

upon the Emperors Head, and so Slay him: But as this Fellow was busie with a great Stone, the Weight thereof overturned him, so that he fell down to the Pavement, with the Stone upon him, and died by that Mischief which he had contrived to Slay the Emperor. This Treason being discovered to the Romans, they bound his Heels to a Rope, and drew his dead Carcass through Rome, three days together for an Example.

This Gregory Condemned to Death three Men, before they were Convicted, or Confessed their Crime, and caused them to be hang'd up, without the Consent or Sentence of any Secular Judge: He put *Centius*, a Senator's Son, and his own Special Friend in Prison, without any cause, but Jealousie and Suspicion, and caused him to be Tormented and Rolled, in a Barrel of sharp Nails, till he was almost Dead: But *Centius* (making his escape) surprized and apprehended *Hildebrand*, and might have been revenged on him, but that His Holiness Swore deep and bloody Oaths, that he would not only Pardon him, with all his Assistants and Followers, but likewise pay him a Ransom: Which the credulous Young Man believing, set him at Liberty. But immediately his forsworn Holiness, not mindful of this Oath, caused *Centius*, and nine of his Tribe, to be hanged up, and all the rest to be Banished; and among them the Son of a poor Widow, who after the Year of his Banishment was expired, did return home, and to explate the Pope's Imprecations, and vindictive Passion, was led by his poor mourning Mother to Gregory, with a Halter about his Neck, in Token of Repentance, Sorrow, and Submission, earnestly desiring *Hildebrand*, cordially to take and Pardon him, and restore him again to her, a new purg'd Man. But his Implacable Holiness (who had no Grace to forgive) commanded him to be hanged up before his Mother. But the Justices denying to put this second Pennance in Execution, and telling him obscurely, that his Holiness was destitute both of Mercy and Justice; Gregory caused his right Foot to be chopp'd off, whereby within five days he dyed, to the great grief and sorrow of his poor old Mother. On these, and many such charitable Deeds

of this *Hildebrand*, an old English Rhymers, Wrote this Rhime.

*Gregory heads by the Foot,
And Hildebrand hangs by the Heel;
He's a damnable Wit,
That came from the Pit,
And Flies in a Fire to the De'l.*

*The Emperor to the Church went,
To our Lady thinking to Pray:
But be that brunt's God,
(And was not that odd?)
With Rome's Rock chaf'd him away, &c.*

This is one of the great Pillars of Popery, whereon the Church of Rome, and Doctrine of the Clergy's single Life lean. But the unhappy Wretch (being at last Beat and Banished by the Emperor) dyed in great horror at *Saletne*, Anno 1086.

The next opposer of Gods Ordinance, was *Calixtus* the Second, who violently took Possession of the Holy Chair, whilst *Gregory* the Eighth was yet alive, whom the Emperor had chosen Pope, and whom this *Calixtus* caught at *Sturium*, and caused to Ride to Rome on a Camel, with his Face towards the Tail; his Head to be shaven, and sent to a Monastery. This Pope *Calixtus* held a General Council in France; wherein he Ordain'd, That all Clergy-men who would not put away their Wives, should be deposed from their Benefices, and deprived of the Holy Communion; whereupon an English-man, wrote this *Epigram*.

*O bone Calixte, nunc omnis Clerus odit te,
Quondam Presbyteri poterant uxoribus uti;
Hoc Destruxisti postquam tu Papa fuistis,
Ergo tuum merito nomen habent odio.*

This

This Pope died Anno 1125. and left his Quarrel against the Clergy, to his Successor *Honorius* the Second; who sent a Riotous Cardinal, one *John Cremenfis*, into England, Anno 1125. who held a Synod in London, and Condemned all the Married Clergy of Adultery; yet the Holy Lord Legat himself was that Night taken in the very Act of Adultery; and yet Pope *Honorius* wrote on his behalf, to the Clergy of England, thus:

We Desire, Charge and Command you, to receive this *JOHN*, as the Vicar of Saint *PETER*, with Reverence; bear him with Humility, and at his Commandment be Assistant at his Synods, &c.

There is a certain Statute made in this Synod, held at London, by this *John*, the Holy Vicar of Saint *Peter*, to this effect: We by our Apostolical Authority, Command, that Priests, Deacons, Sub-Deacons, Canonists, shall not come in Company with their Wives, Concubines, or any other Women, except their Mother, Sister, or Aunt, or such Women as may altogether give no Suspicion: and who shall break this shall forfeit his Orders. We also Command, that no Marriage shall be made, between Kindred or Affinity, to the Seventh Degree. This Pope *Honorius*, died Anno 1130. and his Successors being busied in Crowning, Cursing, Excommunicating, and Deposing Emperors and Kings, of their Empires, Kingdoms, and Estates, in raising Armies, denouncing War, and shedding Christian Blood, &c. several of the Clergy had received the Unlawful Sacrament of Matrimony, and liv'd quietly with their Wives and Children; the Pope only now and then giving them an Item of their Obstinacy and Error: till Pope *Innocentius* the Third came to the Papedom, Anno 1198. This is that mischievous *Innocent*, who (for an old spite) Deposed the Emperor *Philip*, and gave his Empire to *Ordo*, whom (without just cause) he Cursed, Excommunicated, and Deposed, discharged all his Subjects of their Allegiance, and gave his Crown and Empire to *Frederick* King of *Sicily*. This is that hurtful *Innocent*, that (by the Assistance of Cardinal *Stephen Langton*)

same) Cursed, Condemned, and Excommunicated *John* King of England, and gave both his Crown and Kingdom to *Lewis*, the French King's Son.

Anno 1215 he called a Councel at *Lateran*; where (after he had Excommunicated and Deposed the Emperor, for suing for some of his own Cities, which the Pope had purloyn'd to the Holy Chair) he Condemned one *Almericus*, a Learned Man, for an Heretick, and commanded his Bones to be burn'd, with the rest of his Self at *Paris*; because (as saith *Dominicus Soto*) he had Preached against Images: And thus (saith one) Pope Innocent was Judg both of the quick and the dead; contrary to *Rom. 7. 12.* he wrested our Auricular Confession, and deprived the Laity of the Communion-Cup: He commanded the Quarrels of Princes to be brought before him, and by him to be decided: He Commanded that the Communion-Cake should be kept in a Box in the Church; and that when the Priest should visit the Sick, he should go with a burning Taper, and a Bell before him: He ordained the Canon of the Mass, to be reputed equal in Authority with the Holy Scriptures; and that the Pope should have power to correct and controul Princes; and that none should be Emperor, but he that were Crowned by the Universal Bishop of Rome. Among many other Ambitious and Nonsensical Decrees, he Condemned and Annulled the Marriage of the Clargy for ever. It is observed that this Innocent, Anno 1212. went about to accomplish three great Designs, viz. The Deposing of *Otho*, a Voyage to *Jerusalem*, and the holding of a General Councel. Also the same Year (saith *Ulricus Mutius*) certain Noble-men of *Alsacia* did condemn this Pope of Impiety; because he would not suffer the Clargy to keep their Wives; and the Bishops burn'd an Hundred Clargy-man in one day; because they taught, That Christians might lawfully eat Flesh, and Marry at any time.

Peter King of *Arragon* (who it seems had been a great sinner) was enveigled by the Romish Clargy, to give up his Kingdom and all his Dominions to the See of Rome, before he could purchase his Salvation from Pope Innocent: Yet for all this his Holiness died Anno 1216.

A certain Noble-man in *England*, hearing that this Pope had again condemned the Marriage of Priests, in *Lateran Council*; did on his Decree of *Adultery*, make this following Rhime, Anno 1286.

I.

Priscliani regula penitus cassatur,
Sacerdos per hic et hæc olim declinatur:
Sed per hic solummodo nunc articulatur;
Cum per nostrum præsulē hæc amoveatur.

II.

Ita quidem Presbyter cepit Allegare,
Peccat capitaliter qui vult separare
Quod, Deus conjunxerat feminam amare;
Tales dignum duximus fures appellare.

III.

● *quam Dolor anxius! quam tormentum grave!*
Nobis est dimittere quoniam suave.
O Romane Pontifex Statuisti prave:
Ne in tanto crimine moriaris cave.

IV.

Non est INNOCENTIUS imò nocens Verè,
Qui quod factò ducit verbo vult delere:
Et quod olim Iuvenis voluit habere,
Mòdò vetus Pontifex studet probibere.

V.

Signere nos præcipit vetus Testamentum:
Novum quod non retinet, nusquam est inventum:
Præsul qui contrarium donat Documentum,
Nullum necessarium his dat Argumentum.

VI.

Dedit enim Dominus maledictionem
 Viro qui non fecerit Generationem.
 Ergo tibi consulo, per hanc rationem,
 Gignere ; ut habeas benedictionem.

VII.

Nonne de militibus milites procedunt ?
 Et Reges a regibus, qui sibi succedunt ?
 Per locum a simili omnes jura ledunt ;
 Clericos qui gignere crimen esse credunt :

VIII.

Zacharias habuit prolem & uxorem ;
 Per virum quem genuit adeptus honorem :
 Baptizavit etenim Mundi Salvatorem.
 Pereat qui teneat novum hunc errorem.

IX.

Paulus rapitur ad Celos superiores,
 Ubi multas didicit res Secretiores.
 Ad nos tandem, rediens instruensq; mores,
 Suas (inquit) habeat quilibet Uxores.

X.

Propter hec & alia dogmata Doctorem
 Reor esse melius & magis decorum,
 Quisq; suam habeat, & non proximi ;
 Ne incutiat odium & iram dorum.

XI.

*Proximorum feminas, filias, & neptes,
Violare nefas est; quare nil decepiet.
Verè tuam habeas, in qua delectes,
Diem ut sic ultimam tutius expelles.*

XII.

*Ecce jam pro Clericis multum allegavi,
Nec non pro Presbyteris plura comprobavi.
Pater Noster nunc pro me (quoniam peccavi)
Dicat quisq; Presbyter cum sua suor.*

This is the Pedigree of Adultery, this is the Line of Spiritual Fornication, as it is now by Law at Rome established, in his Holiness's Spiritual Court; the monster of the Man of Sin, and By-blow of the Son of Perdition, that imposeth a necessity of Sinning on the Household of Anti-Christ, to commit Fornication and Uncleaness, without Shame or Limitation. Neither have I here affirmed any thing against our Adversaries the Papists, but what is undoubtedly true, our Enemies themselves (the Pope's own Secretaries, and best Popish Writers) being Witnesses: Yea, next to their Imaginary Transubstantiation (wherein they pretend to make and eat an Immortal Deity) this is the great wonder of their Faith; for my own part, I am struck with Admiration and Astonishment, when I think that men endued with reason, pretending to do nothing against Gods known Will, should call that ordinance unclean, which the holy God hath termed clean and honourable, and recommended to ALL men; and persist in celibacy when they know it neither lawful nor convenient; as *Malum qua malum potuit aperiri*: For proof of which I shall bring only one Testimony of Stanislaus Ruthenus, who of Pope Paul the second speaketh thus:

When Pope P AUL had seen certain Latine Verses, written against him and his Daughter; it is reported that he wept, and cried out against the hardness of the Law of single Life, among his Friends; because that he who ought to have been not only the Head of the Church, but also of Chast Life, should see his Daughter live in the Face and Countenance of the City, with great shame and dislaine, who although she was very Beautiful, yet it grieved his Heart, that it should be said that he begat her in Whoredom, because he knew that there was a Law of God, whereby she might have been Born in Wedlock, unless the Law of single Life had disanull'd it. They say therefore that he took Counsel how he might restore again the Marriage of the Clergy; but being prevented by Death he could not attain to his purpose.

Tell me then you Romanists had it not been better for Pope John the 13th to have married and liv'd honest, than to have had it prov'd against him before the Emperor, in open Council, that he had lain with his own Sisters, ravished Virgins and strange women; with Raimera and Ann two Widows, with their Neices, and Stephana his Father's Concubine? and that he made the Pallace of Lateran a Stews and open Brothel-house.

Had it not been more decent and Religious both before God and Man. for Pope Innocent the 8th. to have taken a Wife, then to have had this Epiraph written by Marullus, on him after his Death?

Quid quæris restes, sit mas aut femina, CYBO?

Respice Natorum pignora certa gregem.

Osse Nocens pueros genuit toridemq; puellas:

Hinc merito poterit dicere Roma Patrem.

Spurcities, gula, avaritia, atque ignavia deses,

Hoc, Osseve jacent, quo tegeis tumulo.

Englisht thus.

Why did they see Pope Cybo's stones?

Whether he was Man or Woman:

Behold a Herd of Babel's Brats!

Brought forth by Whores that's common.

Eight

Eight Boys this Brutish Bull begot,
As many Girls small.

Whence Rome this Hurful Innocent,
May Fleishly Father call.

A filthy avaritious Dunce,
That bath'd himself in Sin;

A Glutton, and what else is bad,
Doth lye this Tomb within.

Had it not been better for Pope Alexander the Sixth, to have married, than lain with his own Bastard Daughter *Lucretia*, Dutcheß of *Ferraria*? of whom *John Foxianus Pontanus*, wrote this Epitaph.

*Hic jacet in tumulo Lucretia nomine; sed re
Thais: Alexandri filia, sponsa, Nurus.*

Here lies *Lucretia* chaste by name;

But *Thais* lewd by life,

Who was to Alexander Pope,

Both Daughter and a Wife.

Had it not been better for Pope Paul the Third to have taken a Wife, than to have in disguise and under promise of Marriage lain with young Ladies, and several of his own near kindred? with his own Daughter *Constantia*, whilst his Bastard Son *Peter Aloysius* (expecting a General Pardon from his Father) made bold to commit Incest with her, in imitation of his Holiness!

This Pope for Conscience sake, and the Benefit of the Clergy (as he pretended) prostituted Forty five thousand Harlots, who (for the Liberty of their stews,) pay'd him a monthly Tribute. These Dames (saith *EUSEBIUS CAPTIVUS*) are had in great honour by the Pope, These kiss his Feet, These have Familiar Communication with him, These are his Companions both day and night.

This is the Crab-Fruit of a constrained Celibacy, the cursed consequence which of necessity must follow the Atheistical Antecedent of a forc'd single Life, which (as I have said)

imposeth a necessary of sinning on all those who have not the gift of Chastity. It is reported by Roger of Chester, that Anselm Archbishop of Canterbury, did forbid and condemn the lawful Marriage of Priests, in one Synod; but in the next was forc'd to make Laws against Sodomy; whereof eight Abbots, with a great crew of inferior Priests and Friars were found Guilty. Huldericus Bishop of Augusta, in the foresaid Letter to Pope Nicolas the first writeth, that whilst under a false shew of continency, the Church of Rome refused the ordinance of Marriage; their Clergy COMMITTED INCEST, AND ABOMINABLE SODOMITICAL VILLANIES WITH MEN AND BEASTS. *Sub falsa continentia specie placere volentes, graviora vides committere (saith he) patrum scilicet uxores subagitare, masculorum ac pecudum amplexus non reformidare.* PETRARCH calleth ROME the Slave of Gluttony and Lechery: And in his nineteenth Epistle, chargeth the Court of Rome, with all manner of unbridled Lusts and impieties, thus; *Quicquid usquam perfidia & doli, quicquid inclementia, superbiaq; quicquid impudicitia effrenataq; libidinis audisti, aut legisti, quicquid deniq; impietatis & morum pessimorum sparsim habet, aut habuit orbis terra; totum istuc cumulatim videas, acervatimq; reperias.*

Now in this Series and line of Adultery, I have observed that no Popes but (for the most part) impious Wretches, were the owners and setters forward of this Act of Abominations and decree of single life; and to speak Generally, tho the Bishop of Rome be a select person, chosen out off the whole Romish Clergy (as a man most eminent for Learning, Knowledge and Piety) yet commonly is his Life so evil, that he rather deserveth the Title of his Wickedness than his Holiness, and his Character so evidently abominable, that he that runneth may read him *THE BEAST*: and God hath suffered it to be so, that all those who wonder and follow him, may be inexcusable. Tho it is to be feared, that as the Harlot herself is cast in a bed, the Hearts, Eyes and Ears of her Children are darkned, blinded and deafned, till the day of their Mother's Visitation come, and the Word of God be fulfilled, and *Tu nihil invito dices faciesve JEHOVA.* And since she is drunk with the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs of Jesus, and having

lost her way, is now asleep in a Dream in the Wilderness of Error, Ignorance, Vanity, and Superstition, Rev. 17. 3. 6. it is as great folly to think to convince and persuade her to that which is rational, good and true, as to think to persuade a drunken man to his right Senses, or to walk home, whilst he cannot stand on his Legs. And as the Proverb runeth, *Nil est in Intellectu quod non fuit prius in sensu*; She that shutteth her Senses, the Gates of her understanding, and will not know one thing from another, must first be persuaded to her right senses, and to open her eyes to know light from darkness; before she can be capable of any Spiritual knowledge: Let her alone then, yet cry over her and lament her miserable condition; and with the Prophet *Jeremy*, 51. 8. *Howl for her, and say we would have healed Babylon but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own Countrey: For her Judgment reacheth unto Heaven, and is lifted up even to the Skies.*

Sed tua præcipue non intret limina quisquam,
 Frater vel Monachus, vel quavis lege Sacerdos.
 Hos fuge; Pestis enim nulla immanior. Hi sunt
 Fæx hominum, fons stultitiæ, sentina malorum,
 Agnorum sub pelle lupi, mercede colentes,
 Non pietate Deum, falsa sub imagine recti
 Decipiunt Stolidos, ac religionis in umbra
 Mille actus veritos, & mille piacula condunt,
 Raptores, Mæchi, puerorum corruptores,
 Luxuriæ atq; gulæ famuli, &c. *Palingenius.*

The Life of Pope Clement the Sixth, with a Limb of his Bull of Blasphemies; which he Published for the year of Jubele, 1350.

Peter Rogers, Born in Lemonja, a Monk of the Order of St. Benediſt, and Abbot of Phisca, succeeded Pope Benediſt the Twelfth; and changed his Name to Clement the Sixth, who no sooner came to the Popedom, than he began to trouble the World, with his Pride and Supremacy:

For

For (as *Maquer* Writeth) he first Excommunicated the Electoral Princes, because they would not rebel against the Emperor *Lewis*, for affirming that he held his Empire of God, without dependance on the Pope. And to deface the Emperors, he created *Vicounts*, and made them Vicars of the Empire. But at last having brought him so low, that he was content to condescend to such disgraceful Articles of Agreement, as tended to the Subversion of the Empire, and the Princes were ashamed to own; they with several Kings and other Princes, Petition'd *His Holiness* on the Emperor's behalf, nor to exact the performance of so rigid and shameful Conditions. But *Clement*, void of all Clemency, perswading himself that this was long of the Emperor, blamed him for all, Cursed him even at the Consecration of the Sacrament; Deposed him from the Empire, Pronouncing him an Heretick, Schismatick, and Rebellious Son, who kick'd at his Holy Mother, the Church of Rome: and commanded the Electoral Princes to chuse another Emperor in his stead. But the Bishop of *Mentz*, having Written a Letter in Vindication of the Emperor, intreating *his Holiness* to consider his Innocence, and that there was a righteous Judge in Heaven, who would not suffer that to be pluck'd up, which he himself had planted, &c. was Deposed from his Bishoprick. And the rest of the Princes, partly being afraid of the Pope's Curse, Excommunication, and Deposition; and partly being Brib'd by *John King* of *Bohemia*, chose his Son *Charles* King of the Romans; the Pope confirming the Election in open Consistory; and for further Approbation, caused privately to Poison the Emperor: Who (being daunted with Cursing, Hell and Damnation) lay Neutral, and did not meddle with the Empire, nor any publick Affairs. But who is able (saith *Marius*) to express the cruel War and Blood-shed that followed in the Empire, by means of this mischief wrought by *Clement*: For *King Edward the Third* of England (by the Assistance of his Son the black Prince) Slew 20000 French-men, with *John King* of *Bohemia*, the Father of the Emperor *Charles*, with many more Princes and Nobles.

Now *Charles* (whom the Pope by Cursing, and Excom-

communicating had made Emperour) to secure the
 pi to his Son, did so corrupt the Electoral Princes, with
 Boes and fair Promises, that at last, he was forced to
 engage to them, the common Revenues of the Empire.
 And being once in Possession, they would secure nothing
 to him, unless he would bind himself, both by Oath and
 Seal, that the Pledges which they had should never be
 redeemed. And thus his Holiness the Pope, the Father of
 the Mother Church, hath by Degrees so weakened the
 Wall of Christendom, that if it had not been for an Invi-
 sible Wall of Fire, the great Turk had before this time,
 fixed his Standard at Vienna, and Sh———— in St. Peter's
 Chair.

Now this Pope (for his greater advantage) caused the
 Jubile to be Celebrated at Rome, Anno 1350. And *Premont-*
stratensis affirmeth that there were Five Thousand Strangers
 coming in and going out, at the Gates of Rome, every day
 the whole year over.

He made at several times 12 Cardinals; whereof some
 were Monks, others his own young Nephews and Kin-
 men.

He gave License to the Bishop of Bamberg to absolve
 all those Spiritual Traitors that had not rebelled against the
 Emperor Lewis; but on Condition, first, That they should
 Swear Fealty to him, as to the Vicar of Christ. Secondly,
 That they should believe that the Emperor had no power
 to Make or Marr the Pope. And Thirdly, That they
 should acknowledg none to be Emperor, but whom the
 Pope had confirmed.

This Pope (saith *Morinus*) took upon him so Prodiggally in his
 Popedom, that he gave to his Cardinals in Rome, Bishopricks,
 and Benefices which were then void in England; wherewith
 the King was offended, and undid all the Provisions of the
 Pope, within his Realm, commanding upon Pain of Imprison-
 ment and Death, That no man should be so bold as to bring in
 any such Provisions, within his Dominions any more, and (un-
 der the same punishment) charged two Cardinals forthwith to
 avoid his Realm, Anno 1343. This Pope one a certain
 occasion being in a great passion, suddenly fell down and
 died

...of an importance which none but his Chamberlains
can present. *Ann.* 1332.

A List of the Blasphemous Bull of Pope Clement the Sixth, which is Published for the Year of Jubile 1350.

For as much as we have seen, that some men have
been taken away from this world, who have not
yet received the Sacrament of Penance, we have
thought good to give them this our special
Indulgence, that if they be truly penitent, and
confess their sins to any Priest, or Confessor,
or else in his Journey by the way, in any other
place: Unto the which Confessors we have given full
power to give Absolution in all cases that concern the Popes own
Privilege, in as ample manner as if our own Person were
present. Item, We grant that if any (being Confessed) die by
the way, that he shall be freed and discharged from all his
Sins. And furthermore, We Command the Angels of Paradise
(whom his Soul being fully delivered from Purgatory) they re-
ceive him into Paradise, &c.

In another Bull he wrote that

We will not that any man be tormented in himself, with the pains of Hell. And also we grant to all those that wear the Cross, three or four Souls, at their own pleasure, whomsoever they will to deliver out of Purgatory, &c.

With this Heretical Blaphemous Nonsense, the University of Paris was much displeased. But to *Avenio* that Year 100000 poor men, out of all Countreys resorted, to obtain Pardon and be hired Confessours.

N I S.

*Judicium nullum salutare Libelle
Sive sit verum non tunc peior erit.*

Farewell _____ an undergarment
_____ and name:

I know more than I can tell you,
 I have seen the Mother's Fate.

P. B., L. 18. *r. fuliginosa*, L. *r. curvum*,